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The Myths and Stories of the Carpenter House

BY GAIL LYNDE

On the 250th anniversary of the year the Benjamin Carpenter house was built (1772), Gail Lynde tracked down some history on its early owners. Benjamin Carpenter acquired the house in 1779, shortly after it was built, and the year he became Vermont's second lieutenant governor. You may recognize this beautiful homestead on Carpenter Hill Road for its gorgeously painted facade and charming grounds.

My interest in the pre-Civil War occupants of the Carpenter house started because I wondered if its reputation for being used in the abolitionist movement and the Underground Railroad was true. During my research, rich stories were revealed about the history of the house. The following describes the provenance I could find of the house within the Carpenter family.

Two successive generations of Carpenters lived out their lives in this home. After Benjamin Carpenter died in 1804, his son Cyrus continued occupancy and issued lots of little Carpenters between his two wives. At the close of his life in 1840, Cyrus distributed his estate into interests for all his children—and what would seem to me a headache for the executor. He gave his wife Betsey a one-third interest with the right to inhabit the house all her natural life. The rest he divided among his 13 children, with males getting 8 parts to the females' 5 parts. (There were 7 daughters and 6 sons named in the will.)

Cyrus and Betsey were obviously loving parents. They financially helped quite a number of their kids, and the sums each child had been given during Cyrus's life had been accounted for, to be taken off their portion of the estate. Like other farms in the area, the land was likely played out from the farming practices of the time, and with so many

beneficiaries, it must have been interesting agreeing on what to do with the old farm.

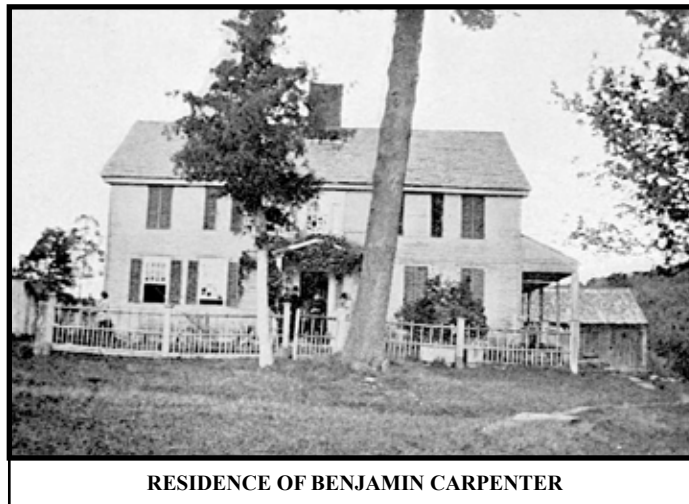
At any rate, it appears that one of the younger sons, Edwin Barnard (E.B.) Carpenter, moved his family in to take over the farm and perhaps help his mother. E.B.

Carpenter family, it seems another line of the family may have taken up residence there as well. The 1856 McClellan map showed "A. Hatch" as living on the estate—possibly Alonzo Hatch, who was married to Damaris Nichols, Cyrus' niece. Alonzo was born in Canada, and while Damaris was born in Guilford, her obituary states that she spent a number of years in Canada. This Canada connection in the Carpenter family brings me back to what got me interested in the Carpenter House in the first place: the rumors that it was somehow tied to the abolitionist movement and the Underground Railroad.

So far I can't find proof of the Carpenters being involved with the Underground Railroad. Later on, many of Cyrus' children migrated west to New

York and beyond. One person associated with this family does stand out: Clarinda Howard Nichols. Although not a blood relative, she was the former wife to Justin Carpenter, another son of Cyrus. She had been the editor of the Windham County Democrat in Brattleboro and a clear advocate for women's rights. When she later moved to Kansas, her work in the Abolitionist movement was clear and documented.

There are many more decades of history to this fabled house, and perhaps in the next edition I will tell you more of what I've found.



RESIDENCE OF BENJAMIN CARPENTER

An archived photo of the Carpenter House on Carpenter Hill.

shows up on the 1850 census in Guilford with his wife; a child named Caroline; mother Betsey; another Edwin R. Carpenter, born in New York, who is just six years younger than Edwin B.; and three other people, who may have been servants or farmhands.

Sometime near 1852, E.B. had become part of a business concern in Brattleboro which eventually, through sale of ownership, became the Estey Organ Company. After Betsey died, E.B. and his family seem to have left Guilford and presumably moved to Brattleboro or elsewhere.

Prior to the sale of the house by the

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Town to Consider the Charter for Compassion

BY VERANDAH PORCHE AND LISE SPARROW

"Shall the voters of the Town of Guilford vote to advise the Selectboard to become a Compassionate Community as articulated in the International Charter for Compassion?"

This year Lise Sparrow, Pastor of Guilford Community Church from 2000 to 2020, and interfaith leader Jim Levenson spoke with the Guilford Selectboard about the Charter of Compassion, a statement of values based on the Golden Rule. They invited Guilford to join hundreds of towns and cities across the country and the globe that endorse common humanity and mutual aid. The Selectboard, moved by their presentation, decided to inform Guilford residents about Compassion Communities, and to place an article on the Town Meeting Warning to vote on by Australian ballot. A positive vote to become a Compassionate Community conveys no obligation on residents or organizations. Individuals and groups find their own ways to participate. Learn more here: <https://charterforcompassion.org/charter>

Lise Sparrow offered to share some of her experiences in Guilford for this article:

The Charter of Compassion is just that—a way to celebrate the compassion possible in communities, and to commit to keeping compassion alive, neighbor to neighbor, in hard and easier times, and, as you reach out from Guilford, to the world.

Verandah has asked me for some memories in preparation for Guilford's vote to become an official "Compassionate Community," joining Brattleboro and countless other communities around the world who want to herald what is possible, beyond religion and even words, as people work together. I hope

you might receive this both as a thank you for all the years I lived among you, and as an encouragement to celebrate yourselves. I offer memories of hard times and of the community coming together. Looking back, there are so many moments when Guilford turned dark days into light.

I think especially of Herb Meyer, who has just recently died, and of his work to organize the Emergency Management Team during the ice storm of 2010. His team of volunteers went house to house before the storm, to be sure they had documented every person in every home—and then, after the storm, returned to be sure everyone had heat, food and water.

I remember Hurricanes Sandy and Irene and the closings of the Green River Bridge, so that carpools had to be formed to bring children to school. And I remember the heater malfunction at the Guilford School, after which children attended school at the Grange, the Library, and the Church, for weeks.

Within the challenges of those moments, seeds were planted for other efforts. Elementary schoolers in Mrs. Ingram's class collected food for folks at Thanksgiving, long before the Food Pantry opened. Before Guilford Cares, and more so now, neighbors have helped with rides and visits for their neighbors. Townspeople gathered in welcome when Troy Revis returned from Iraq, and mourned with the Gilbert family when Kyle Gilbert died in the same war.

As importantly, Guilford has nurtured young people to do amazing work, locally and around the world. One summer, teens painted the Ragles' barn and cleaned

out the Lewis' garage, scrubbed the Grange kitchen, and painted a mural for the school.

Groups of teens and adults from Guilford have traveled to support orphans in Kenya and Lakota children living in the one of the poorest communities in the United States. They helped with renovations after Katrina hit Louisiana, painted a Boys and Girls Club in St Croix, and cleared a trail now named the "Guilford Gulch" at a nature preserve in Texas. Now Rohan Providence works with individuals with special needs through Families First in Brattleboro and Heather Franklin is a policy maker in Washington DC.

The truth of a "compassionate community" is that there are no boundaries to the impact. Whether to the next-door neighbor or to children we will never know, the compassion flows into darkness, allowing us to see each other with love.

Apology to Clinton Kerber

BY SUSAN BONTHRON

In the November 2021 Gazette article about building the new bridge for the Weeks Forest Carriage Trail, Clinton Kerber should have been mentioned and thanked—it was he (and Kerber Farms Lumber Co.) who milled the locust for the bridge. Thank you Clinton, and please accept our apologies!

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Guilford Selectboard Candidate Statements

2 OPEN POSITIONS: ONE 2-YEAR SEAT AND ONE 3-YEAR SEAT

Zon Eastes,
Candidate for the 2-Year Seat



I live on Yeaw Road, just south of the Guilford Fairgrounds. My wife Peggy moved to this remarkable setting over fifty years ago. I've lived here nearly forty. Our property is crossed by a few VAST snowmobile trails and we welcome walkers on our bit of East Mountain. During my most active working years, I was a cellist and conductor, arts administrator, and community builder.

I am running for re-election to the selectboard. I was appointed to the selectboard in 2019 when a prior member stepped away mid-term. At the end of that appointment, I was elected by Guilford voters for a first full term. I have enjoyed my time on the selectboard and am honored to work with each Selectboard member, for whom I have high regard. Each is a thoughtful, caring, respectful person.

Since joining the Selectboard, perhaps my largest role has been as Guilford's representative to DVFiber, the 24-town communications union district of southeastern Vermont, which is working to secure reliable, affordable high-speed Internet for all. I am currently a member of the executive committee of the

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Lynn Latulippe King ,
Candidate for the 2-Year Seat



Dear Guilford Residents,

I, Lynn Latulippe King, am excited to share with you that I will be a candidate for the upcoming two-year Selectboard seat. Growing up in Guilford has helped shape the person I am today. I have fond memories of attending Guilford Central School and Brattleboro Union High School. Norwich University also provided me with a wonderful educational experience, as I earned a Liberal Arts degree and an Early Childhood Education endorsement.

I look forward to serving the community at Selectboard level. I would like to give you a glimpse of my work history. I have spent fifteen years banking. The positions I've held included tellering, customer service, and bookkeeping supervisor. All of these positions involved public relations, finance, and respectful customer service. Being an active member and voice for our community is what I believe in. I believe we all deserve to be respectfully heard. As an educator, the same skills are embraced: listening, comprehension, and communication. These are skills that are very important to have within local government.

The Guilford Fair was always a big event

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Michael Becker,
Candidate for the 3-Year Seat



I live in the village of Green River next to the covered bridge with my wife, Megan and two sons who both attend Guilford Central School. We moved to town about four years ago after living in nearby Brattleboro. We live in a drafty old tavern built in 1769 and couldn't be happier. The history and natural beauty we are surrounded by in Guilford is inspiring. We have found our neighbors to be most welcoming and plan to stick around for a long time.

After living in Guilford for about a year, I was asked if I would be interested in running for the selectboard. I had no experience with town government at the time, but thought that my engineering background, level-headed approach and penchant for listening might be of use. There were no other candidates running for the position at the time so I ended up on the selectboard by default.

I have enjoyed my three years on the selectboard and have decided to run for another term. I am proud of what has been accomplished in Guilford during my tenure on the board. The re-opening of Sweet Pond, the rebuilding of the

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**Jason Herron,
Candidate for the 3-Year Seat**



I was born in 1976 in a Springfield, Massachusetts hospital while my father was serving in the U.S. Navy. Just after my 5th birthday our family of five moved into a two-bedroom house in Vernon where I was raised. I went to Vernon Elementary school and enjoyed an amazing childhood there. I graduated from Brattleboro Union High School and was proud to call myself a Colonel. I'm not considered a "native" Vermonter, but Vermont is my home and I absolutely love it.

The town of Guilford has always been a special place for me. I can't begin to count the hours spent driving the seemingly endless back roads enjoying the scenery or looking for a good fishing spot. It is a beautiful piece of this earth where I am blessed to spend my days laboring on a piece of property a childhood friend and I purchased in 2014.

After acquiring the property, our for-
ester questioned us; "Are you sure
you want to use this land for a maple
operation?" We knew it would be an
enormous amount of labor. The to-
tal amount of trees was limited, but
with our budget, all we saw was an
opportunity. That's when we
established Lakeridge Maple Farm.

GUILFORD PRE-TOWN MEETING & MEET THE CANDIDATES

ONLINE FEB 24

Broad Brook Grange, in collaboration with the Guilford Selectboard, will hold the annual Pre-Town Meeting on Thursday, February 24, 7:00 pm. This year's event will be online only, and also available on BCTV. Info on how to join the meeting is on the Town website and the site for Broad Brook Community Center, with links below. Town Meeting Moderator, Rick Zamore, will welcome and facilitate.

This is the only opportunity for voters to hear details of the Town Meeting articles, and to meet and discuss issues with the selectboard in advance of voting.

In addition, candidates for town offices are urged to zoom in to introduce themselves to the voters. This is the only time before the vote for the

public to meet and hear the candidates all at once.

Those interested in declaring as a write-in candidate should take this sole opportunity to appear before a group of voters.

Also during the evening, townspeople will hear from, and be able to ask questions of: Guilford's Representative to the legislature, Sara Coffey; the Guilford Central School Partnership Advisory Board, and the town's reps to the Windham Southeast School Board.

For information on how to join the Pre-Town Zoom Meeting follow these links: <https://guilfordvt.com> or <https://broadbrookcommunitycenter.org/news-events>

Jason Herron's statement, continued


Over the years, while both working full time jobs, we've grown Lakeridge Maple Farm to over 4400 taps. We purchased a used manual sawmill to convert the overgrown hemlock trees into useful lumber. We invested in a wood processor to help cut and split the crooked and diseased hardwood trees into firewood. We invested an enormous amount in maple equipment.

All of this was done for a simple dream. We want to live a life nurturing the forest and turning the products of nature into useful resources. We simply want to trade the labor it takes for us to produce commodities like syrup, firewood, and lumber for the conveniences in life produced by the labor of others.

Lyndsey, the absolute love of my life, and

I became aware of a piece of landlocked property just down the road from the farm. We worked out a deal with our neighbors for a deeded right of way in exchange for some of the acreage we were purchasing. We cleared a driveway that is much too steep for the average person to consider using daily, especially in the winter. However, fighting that driveway is worth the location to us. We put all the labor we had saved and a large majority of our future labor for that piece of land and the home that now sits on it. Our hope is to raise our child, that is due in April, in the home we built together here in Guilford.

I am committed to helping our town prosper for ourselves and our posterity. That is why I am asking that you vote for me as a Select Board member on March 1st.



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Zon Eastes' statement, continued

DVFiber board. DVFiber is getting there, and quicker than we'd originally planned!

In addition, during my tenure, the selectboard has addressed a number of important issues, including improvements to the town garage and purchasing new equipment, supporting the upgrade of the Broad Brook Community Center, overseeing a process for considering a possible addition to our library, partnering with a new finance advisory committee, and protecting Guilford's natural resources.

My selectboard experience has taught me that, on occasion, very difficult decisions must be made. Definitely the hardest part of the job. And certainly we are not perfect. Through the tough decisions, I have been inspired by the selectboard's abiding commitment to the best interests of the town, as well as to fairmindedness and openness.

Looking ahead, I see many issues coming down the pike. Among them, I hope the selectboard can:

- Continue to support the DVFiber effort to bring Internet to every home and business in town
- Continue to build and manage smart town budgets
- Distribute American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds with vision, fairness, and compassion
- Support efforts to improve conditions for working families and seniors
- Continue to foster ways for every voice to be part of our community conversations
- Bring consideration for climate change and other external pressures to decision-making
- Support the stability and capacity of

Michael Becker's statement, continued

Broad Brook Community Center, the installation of the Abijah and Lucy Terry Prince historical marker, the improvements to the town garage and purchase of new equipment, planning for a potential addition to the library, the formation of a finance advisory committee and the protection of our natural resources are just a few examples of the good work that I have witnessed during my time on the board.

Being on the selectboard, I have learned that sometimes difficult choices have to be made that are not always popular. This is the hardest part of the job. I acknowledge that the selectboard is not perfect and occasional missteps are made. That being said, I think the present selectboard consistently strives to act in the best interest of the town and all of its citizens. We work hard to be transparent and receptive to feedback.

In the next several years, some of the issues that I think should be the focus of the selectboard are as follows:

- Supporting broadband connectivity efforts
- Equitable distribution of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds
- Supporting the efforts of the town's

the town's volunteer commissions

- Seek to retain town staff, on beyond these remarkable times

Thank you to the town staff for hard work and dedication, to the town commissions for expertise and commitment, and to all community volunteers who contribute time and energy. Through all these collective efforts, Guilford is a great place to be. If re-elected, I would serve with gratitude and energy.

Thank you.
Zon Eastes

commissions

- Supporting community efforts that improve conditions for working families and our seniors
- Planning infrastructure and town facilities that take into account climate change and future population growth (roads, water service, library, trail networks)
- Retention of town staff during these unusual economic circumstances
- Keeping the budget of the town in check

In closing, I would like to personally acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the town staff, the town commissions and all community members who contribute towards making Guilford a great place to live. It has been a pleasure to work with you all. If re-elected, it would be an honor to serve again.

Lynn King's Statement, continued

in our home town. Each year, as a young girl, I looked forward to participating by showing my cows. Volunteering to serve meals at the popular Guilford Fire Station's annual dinners was also something I did regularly. My daughter got to experience many of these same events as well. These community events contributed to the fabric of our town.

I hope you will consider voting for me on March 1st, for a seat on the Selectboard, and may these words reflect the passion I hold for the Town of Guilford and our people. I thank you all in advance for this consideration.

Respectfully,
Lynn Latulippe King

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In Memoriam: Kenneth C. Lynde

AUGUST 2, 1936-NOVEMBER 30, 2021

The following is an excerpt from Ken's interview with Verandah Porche in 2008.

Ken: I was born right up on what we used to call the Halifax Road. Now it's called Hinesburg Road. It was the last farm before you went into Halifax.

Dr. Burnett came out with her horse and buggy to deliver me. Of course, I wasn't aware of it, but she was there. (Back then her office was on South Mountain Road, which is where the on and off ramp is now for Route 91, Exit Two.) I was the last of nine children, the baby of the family. There were four boys and five girls. One girl died of sugar diabetes when she was 13....

On the farm we had Jerseys, 50 or 60 head—not a big herd by today's standards. It's interesting now that Jerseys are making a comeback. David Franklin has some over on the Hollow Road and the Wheeler Farm in Wilmington, too. We always had Jerseys back then. Later, farmers wanted quantity. Now they're back into the cream again. A Jersey, remember, don't eat anywhere near as much as a Holstein, and they're pretty cows, too.

We all had our chores on the farm. There were calves to feed, the wood to put in the wood box. We walked to school. It was 1.7 miles from here to the Hinesburg School, up by the church. We had no rides. When you were six years old, regardless of the weather, you walked home. And if you



Ken Lynde, up to some mischief, no doubt.

meandered about on the way, you got spoken to. Did I meander? I dawdled some. We would kick snowballs down the road or play on the side of the snow. It done me good to grow up like that, and it's too bad there isn't more of it today.

We were a happy family. I always told

my sisters and brothers that it took my folks a long time to get what they really wanted. That is, me. Of course, they contended that when the folks got me they thought they'd better quit.

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Why Conserve Land?

BY THE GUILFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Driving along Guilford's country roads through fields and forests, it is easy to think that there is plenty of undeveloped land in our town and to imagine there always will be. So why do we need to conserve land here?

Scientists have understood for decades that the natural world functions as a whole, with every part dependent on every other part. We have learned that all living beings—human and otherwise—need air, water, food, and shelter to survive. But we also need each other, and our surrounding environments, to maintain the ecological balance that guarantees the survival of all. That ecological balance depends on diversity—of climates, landscapes, waterways, plant and animal habitats, and life forms of all kinds and sizes.

The only way to maintain this essential diversity is to make sure that all these habitats continue to exist—unbroken forest tracts, ponds and lakes, rivers and streams, wild mountaintops, rich bottom land, wetlands, working forests, farmland—all of them working together, none of them overwhelming the rest. Ecologists believe that at least 40 percent of land in any region needs to be conserved for mutual sustainability of the earth's organisms. The only way to ensure that all of these environments continue to exist is to protect them—i.e., conserve them—for ourselves now, and for future generations.

Conserving land does not mean removing it from human access or use; in fact, it is a way to guarantee that land will always be there to use and enjoy, and to retain its ecological value to the

surrounding environment and all its inhabitants. Land can be conserved in many different ways: by outright sale or donation to a land trust; through conservation easements; through partnerships between groups with different but complementary goals working together.

Conservation easements can be as flexible as a landowner wishes. For example, a family needing to sell its farm could reach a partnership agreement with a land trust wherein they retain a parcel for future family members to use while conserving the rest under an agricultural easement that would allow another farmer to buy that land at an affordable rate. The land trust would cover the difference in cost between the

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conserved farmland's value and the original appraised value, allowing the family to benefit from the sale. Conserving land through agricultural easements in Guilford could help support the development of local CSAs and guarantee future food sources for our town, while also providing tax benefits for landowners. Similarly, easements can be used to preserve working forests, which are essential for Guilford's ecological future.

Public and conserved lands currently make up only 6.2 percent (1581 acres) of Guilford, according to the Windham Regional Commission. Conservation areas in Guilford are predominantly large

undeveloped, mostly forested areas with shallow soils, bedrock, wetlands, and steep slopes. They include land owned publicly (by town or state) and private lands with conservation easements that permanently restrict development and protect natural features.

While rocky land with steep slopes and ridgelines are unsuited for development, they need to be protected because they provide critical habitats and wildlife corridors for many species. Just as humans need roads to get from one place to another, animals need corridors that link habitats together so they can migrate, find new populations for breeding and continuous food sources throughout the seasons. A current focus of the Guilford Conservation Commission is to pinpoint critical corridors for all wildlife—from salamanders and turtles to large mammal crossings—and make sure that through signage and conservation efforts these corridors remain viable.

Conserved land provides space for low-impact recreation such as hunting, fishing, and hiking, as well as scenic backdrops to enjoy in every season, thus preserving the beauty and rural character of our town.

If you are interested in exploring agricultural or trail easements, or conservation of larger tracts of land, please don't hesitate to contact members of the Conservation Commission (listed on the Guilford town website). We are gathering resources about land conservation and planning a community forum to provide more information and answer questions you may have. Stay tuned!

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Partners seal working agreement

Ann Manwaring, chair of DVFiber, and Fletcher Kittredge, CEO of Great Works Internet (GWI), signed a master services agreement (MSA) in December. This document is the central relationship binder between DVFiber and GWI and signals that the partners can begin work in earnest. The MSA is supported by a growing collection of statements of work (SOWs), which are more finely detailed agreements to guide specific areas of collaboration, including, for instance, engineering and pre-construction, construction and installation, and Internet service provision.

First up? Network design and engineering. Once completed, a fiber network will be constructed and local connections will (finally) be made. All on a steady, solid timeline. Phase One of the project calls for connections to be made first in six unserved towns (Halifax, Marlboro, Readsboro, Stamford, Wardsboro, and Whitingham). Yes, Guilford is not in this Phase One list, but rather, in Phase Two.



DVFiber's initial plans called for Guilford to expect service in five to seven years. We are confident now that this timeline will be significantly shortened, perhaps inside of three years, depending on how network lines are built out across town. (Specific expected dates are still being determined.)

Significant funding is making its way

DVFiber received a \$4.1M grant at the end of October. This important funding comes via the federal government's American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA), administered by the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB). The funding stabilizes pre-construction and design activities for the entire district and jump starts actual construction activities for the district's Phase One towns.

Looking ahead, DVFiber expects to receive further significant funding for Internet development. Current conversations at the federal level should result in still more investment into Vermont for Internet,

specifically through the state's nine communications union districts (CUDs).

Organizational Transformation

Now that DVFiber is working with GWI, the functions and roles of DVFiber are changing. To help DVFiber move strategically into the future, the board has engaged David Jones, of Consulting in Detail, to serve as project manager. David lives in Halifax and previously served as a DVFiber board member. He will manage all aspects of ongoing relations with GWI and will support the DVFiber board's oversight of all projects.

DVFiber also has recently engaged the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation to manage federal grant reporting requirements and to provide specific support services for the board.


Learn more and get involved

Intrigued? To learn more, visit our website at DVFiber.net. Sign up for our newsletter to stay informed.

We are always looking for people to contribute and serve on the district's three committees (Communications, Finance, and Operations). There is an enormous amount of work ahead to secure broadband for the region and win customers to DVFiber. If you would like to get involved, please contact Zon Eastes at 802.380.9550 or at zon.eastes@dvfiber.net.

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College Scholarships for Guilford Residents

BY CAROL SCHNABEL

Three college scholarship sources are available specifically for Guilford residents. Application deadline for all is May 20, 2022.

Broad Brook Grange Scholarship:

The Grange gives a scholarship to a student from Guilford, and applicants don't have to be Grange member. A Grange committee awards a single scholarship for \$1,000.

Eligibility is specific: The scholarship goes to a BUHS graduating senior planning to attend a 2- or 4-year college or trade school—to which they have been accepted—after graduation, and the applicant must have lived in Guilford for 2 of the past 4 years. Reflecting the Grange's community mission, although academic accomplishment is important, community service counts for 50% of the weight given the applicant.

Grange Scholarship Chair Mike Szostak sends to all Guilford BUHS seniors scholarship application instructions at their school email address. Students should be sure to check their email. Questions may be directed to Mike's school phone at 802-451-3434 or preferably to his email address: mszostak@wsesdvt.org.

Bullock Educational Scholarship:

Another scholarship for Guilford residents is from the Town of Guilford through the Bullock Educational Scholarship Fund, established as a permanent trust in memory of members of an old Guilford family, administered by a committee appointed by the Select Board.

One or more scholarships are awarded annually, depending upon number of applications, and are available for Guilford residents attending 2-or-4-year higher learning

Committee: Kathryn Mason at kathamason@gmail.com. BUHS students should go to their school Naviance platform, where all the BUHS/local scholarships are listed. Students may print their application out at home, and completed applications may be submitted electronically to Kathryn Mason or to Town Clerk, Penny Marine.

Guilford Recreation Club Scholarship:

A third scholarship source for Guilford residents is from The Guilford Recreation Club. The Rec Club owns property adjacent to the Fairgrounds, including the ballfield, tennis court, cabin, and trails.

Applicants must be BUHS seniors, Guilford residents planning to attend a 2- or 4-year college or trade school for fall semester after BUHS graduation.

Contact Carol Schnabel at [<petecar86@comcast.net>](mailto:petecar86@comcast.net) or by mail to: Guilford Recreation Club, PO Box 2679, West Brattleboro VT 05303. Copies of the application are available through the BUHS Counseling Office.

TO APPLY:

Some applications are available to pick up; all can be done by e-mail. Make sure to get letters of reference and transcripts to attach to the applications.

Heather Harrison in the BUHS Counseling office is available to assist students with accessing applications.



institutions, including technical school and post-graduate work. First-year and continuing students may apply. \$3,000 is divided among recipients.

The Guilford Town Clerk, Penny Marine, at pennymarine@guilfordvt.net or the Bullock Scholarship

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A Love Letter to the Library

BY CATHI WILKEN



The Guilford Library in 1899.

We have a lovely little library. When people visiting from out of town come in they say how sweet, cozy, and friendly it is, and “You have so many good books!” It is, and we do. It’s true. It’s also cozy. Too cozy!

The Guilford Library, built in 1891, has been lovingly attended to by each generation of trustees. We’ve been so fortunate with the care that’s been taken. Now it’s our turn. We’re planning an expansion of

the best parts of the library—a blend of the old with the new. We envision small nooks and crannies for curling up with a good book, plus bigger-than-a-breadbox spaces for small groups to meet.

With more space, I won’t have to discard so many books to make room for new ones. (That’s the part of my job I dislike most.) With more space, we could properly display picture books to entice young readers. With an expanded activity space, we can

bring out the paints without worrying about painting books by mistake. And the book group (usually up to eight adults) won’t have to huddle around the little blue table in kiddie chairs, because we’ll have someplace to put adult size chairs!

So thank you, G.W. Franklin, for the building you built in 1891. I hope we’ll take good care as we expand it for our next 130 years.



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Warmer This Winter

BY NANCY DETRA

Last fall 23 area residents helped build custom insulating inserts for the draftiest windows in their homes. They are finding they're warmer this winter.

"I am thrilled with my inserts!" said Carole Mills, noting that the room she installed them in "never got to a miserable cold temperature as it had in the past."

Besides making people more comfortable this winter and offering an opportunity for folks to work and share a meal together, the Guilford Energy Committee's goal was to reduce the use of

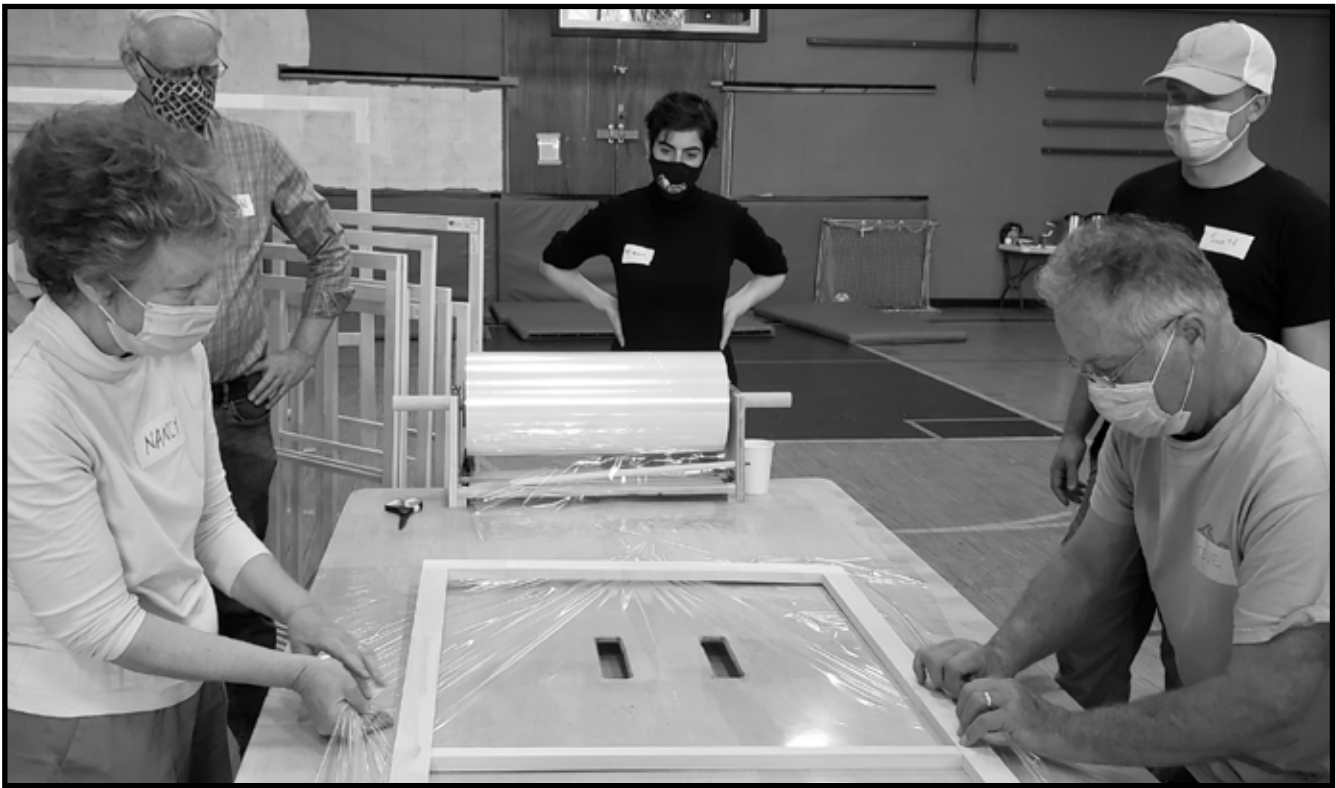
fossil fuels and, in a small way, address the climate crisis. Window Dressers, the non-profit organization that facilitates these insert-building programs in communities across Maine and Vermont, estimates that \$64,953 have been saved in fuel bills and 1,458,844 pounds of carbon kept out of our atmosphere, just in 2021. The program has been operating for ten years in Maine, and its success has piqued the interest of communities in Vermont as well. Local energy committees in towns like Bellows Falls, Bennington,

Manchester, Montpelier, and Thetford sponsored "Build" workshops in their communities. Guilford's committee set up a workshop for the Guilford/Brattleboro area.

Bill Murray ordered and helped to assemble inserts for his home office, a vintage building he had moved from South Newfane where it once served as the post office.

"It's making it more comfortable, and

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Coordinators demonstrate stretching plastic onto a frame

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A Happy Volunteer

BY LUKE STROSNIDER

For years, I've been a faithful wintertime window shrink-wrapper. When temperatures began to push beyond crisp, I'd head to the hardware store and purchase enough insulator kits for my windows and do all the measuring, cutting, taping, and shrinking with a hairdryer. They were certainly a bit of a hassle to install, and I always felt lousy at the end of the season when the big sheets of plastic became trash. So when I heard about the Window Dressers service, I was intrigued. And when I learned that volunteering was a possibility, I was eager to help build the Window Dressers inserts.

After a warm and grateful greeting, volunteers were shown the process of building a window insert. There are multiple steps involved (frame assembly, tape

application, plastic wrapping and cutting, etc.) and we were encouraged to find a task that suited us. Each job had an easy-to-follow set of steps and easy-to-use tools to complete the task. Everything was demonstrated slowly and thoroughly, and any questions were happily answered.

My role was to gently stretch the plastic film across the lightweight frame and secure it to sticky tape along the side of the frame. After completing a few frames, my partner on the job (Nancy Detra) and I fell into a productive rhythm of measuring, cutting, taping, and trimming. It was the kind of repetitive task that lets you—before you know it—complete dozens, all the while having a fine time chatting and getting to know the person you're working with.

As my volunteer shift continued, I took pride in seeing the stack of "to do" frames

rapidly become finished window inserts. It felt great to know that this effort would keep dozens of my neighbor's homes warmer this winter, and conserve a great deal of energy as well. Speaking of neighbors, volunteering with Window Dressers was a great way to meet a few of them. Near the end of our morning shift, a delicious lunch was served and we spent a little time chatting and getting to know one another.

Now that winter is here, I'm really happy to have my Window Dressers inserts. They are better than the do-it-yourself kits in nearly all respects: better looking, easier to install, and reusable. It feels great to know that I'm using less energy, saving money, and that by volunteering I was able to help others in my community do the same.



Warmer This Winter, cont.

it's cutting down on drafts," he said. "It's a really good program. More people should take advantage of it."

The inserts have wooden frames with a layer of clear heavy plastic stretched on each side, forming a half inch of dead air space in between. In addition, another layer of dead air exists between the insert and the glass of the window itself, so the insert creates two layers of insulation, and the precise fit keeps out drafts. Individual windows are carefully

measured before the workshop so the inserts can fit snugly on all sides.

"They're working beautifully," said Barb Borek, who installed the inserts in the windows on either side of her front door, making the entryway much less drafty.

"I'm quite pleased with them... And I really am happy that I got to help—it was fun."

All customers are expected to work a three-hour shift for every three or four inserts they order. The jobs are simple and every procedure is taught. Because the labor is free the inserts are

very low in cost, amounting to just the price of the materials.

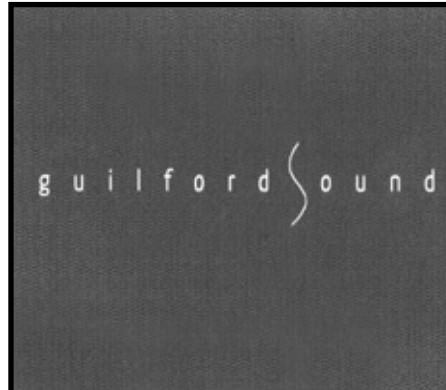
Window Dressers offers 10 inserts free to anyone who can't afford them, even at the lower price. The cost of an average 30"x 48" window insert is about \$45 to \$50.

The Energy Committee will offer the program again in 2022. Call Nancy Detra at 802-254-4762 or email ndetra53@gmail.com for more information.



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Update from Our State Representative

BY SARA COFFEY

Some of you may know that this past summer I went to Swedish weaving school in nearby Shelburne Falls, MA. I went in as a complete beginner and, after eight weeks, emerged a weaver. I love the rhythm and the movement of weaving, the careful attention that it requires, the meditative space it creates, and how, after many days of careful planning, threading, and throwing the shuttle, a woven piece emerges. It is quite laborious, but also so satisfying.

Weaving is remarkably similar to my work in the Legislature where we have to plan, pay attention to details, weave voices and ideas together, and problem-solve to create sound policy and budget decisions. As laborious as it can feel sometimes, I am so proud of the way we work together to create good policy and investments for Vermonters.

In January I resumed my seasonal commute to Montpelier when the 2022 legislative session kicked off. We returned to the State House with COVID safety protocols in place. At this writing, those policies are not yet final, but they do include reconfigured committee rooms, upgraded ventilation, proof of vaccination/testing for legislators and staff, and required masking for all who enter the State House. One of the positive outcomes of the pandemic is that we improved technology to give the public greater access to our work. All meetings and floor sessions are now live-streamed on YouTube and Vermont Public Radio, which provides a remarkable level of public access and transparency. Schedules, agendas, and livestream links are posted and continually updated on the General Assembly website: www.legislature.vermont.gov.

During the summer and fall I spent a lot of time meeting with constituents,

community groups, and legislative colleagues in preparation for the 2022 session. I have carried those voices and ideas into the planning sessions with colleagues

that's fair to teachers, state employees, and taxpayers

- Permanently protecting reproductive rights by passing Prop 5, a constitutional amendment that would guarantee personal reproductive liberty to all Vermonters (If passed by the Legislature, it would then come before voters on the statewide ballot in November 2022)

Achieving these goals will require hard work and collaboration and staying in close touch with the communities and people I serve. Please share your thoughts. During the session, I'm in Montpelier every Tuesday through Friday, working in committee and on the House floor. Reaching out via e-mail is usually the best way to be in touch, and I invite

you to join me for one of my monthly coffee hours, which I will host via Zoom on the third Saturday of each month from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

It continues to be an honor to serve the people of Guilford and Vernon in the Vermont House, and I wish you and your families all the best for 2022.

With warm wishes,

Sara Coffey

State Representative, Windham-1/Guilford & Vernon

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Sara Coffey weaving.

to shape our legislative priorities. The statewide consensus is clear. We are facing a number of long-range challenges that cannot be solved in a single session, but with the arrival of one-time federal funds, House Democrats hope to make meaningful progress to boost our recovery and set us on a path for a strong economic future. Our priorities include:

- Addressing the complex and interconnected challenges of housing, childcare, and the workforce

- Building out rural broadband: A critical issue for our economy, schools, public safety, equitable access to information and services, and more

- Investing in strategies to combat climate change and transition to a sustainable way of life, while preparing for shifting and severe weather patterns

- Addressing our unfunded pension liability in a way

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Where in the World Are We Eating?

BY SHEILA HUMPHREYS

Students at Guilford Central School and throughout the district are celebrating diversity through their taste buds this year thanks to “Where in the World Are We Eating,” a new program by Brattleboro Regional Food Service Director Ali West of Fresh Picks Cafe. Since the start of this school year, students have had the opportunity to “visit” Thailand, Jordan, Haiti, and Germany. Rather than the standard lunch fare of mac and cheese, pizza, and sandwiches, once a month, students are encouraged to sample new dishes like chicken satay, tabbouleh, diri kole, and bratwurst.

West was inspired to create this

program to bring the entire school community together to celebrate the diversity of WSESU through the shared experience of food. She collaborated with ESOL teachers to compile a list of the 22 countries students in the district are from. Twenty-two countries are a lot to fit into one school year, so West selected nine countries—one per month—to focus on. She plans to continue the program and “visit” more countries in the future.

“I want all of our students, no matter where they are from, to feel welcomed and celebrated in our schools,” says West. As a chef and food service director, the best way that she has found to do this is through a celebration of

diversity in the school meal program, which is accessible to all students again this year thanks to the USDA extension of universal meals.

West has encouraged the entire school community at all nine schools in the district to get involved, with invitations to music teachers, art teachers, and librarians to feature music, art, and literature highlighting these countries with students. Here in Guilford, 6th graders created an engaging slideshow to highlight Haitian language (Kreyol), cuisine, and significant landmarks like Citadelle Laferrière. The slideshow was shared with students from Pre-K through high school seniors.

The Outside Experience at GCS

BY SARAH ROSOW & JOSLYN MCINTYRE

Tuesday at Guilford Central School is Winter Forest Activity Day. Every Tuesday afternoon, each class rotates through activities like cooking over our open fire, building forts, creating ice ornaments, tracking, snowshoeing, winter scavenger hunts, and more.

The students have had a lot of outdoor adventures this year. In the fall, sixth graders built their own tables and started constructing a shed for their outdoor classroom, assisted by Michael Manning, our facilities manager. They’re also working on a trail around the perimeter of our school property.

Our fabulous new fourth grade teacher, Hillary Katz, is doing a unit about the Abenaki, and invited an Abenaki storyteller, Melody Brook, to come tell

stories around the fire. We also cooked 3 Sisters Stew (an indigenous recipe featuring winter squash, December’s harvest of the month) over the fire. Fourth graders also experienced a hands-on STEM soil unit in the fall, and started a worm bin in their classroom, which they’re caring for now.

While participating in a mini literacy/geography unit, third graders studying Chad made African Peanut and Squash stew over the fire, and the kids played games that kids play in Chad. Then, after they read a historical fiction book based in Appalachia, we made Appalachian baked beans—with beans they grew in the garden!—as well as Appalachian-inspired stick-and-yarn dolls.

Kristin Deslauriers, our second grade teacher, is hosting Wednesday afternoons in the woods for her class, with fires,

cooking, and nature themed “centers.” First graders cooked popcorn over the fire with popcorn they grew in the school garden. Earlier in the fall, first graders also did a science unit focusing on plant parts and their functions—garden exploration meets STEM meets Next Generation Science Standards!

And Kindergarten and Pre-K have regular woods time, too. In fact, Pre-K is in the woods every day! Pre-K is doing an “Eating the Rainbow” unit, which focuses on eating fruits and vegetables of different colors. Kindergartners made “Calabaza en Dulce” over the fire, a Mexican recipe that is a favorite of Ms. Maira’s family.

We look forward to more and more time outside in the spring.



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Guilford Volunteer Fire Department News

BY WANDA ATOMANUK

The Guilford Volunteer Fire Department and Trustees would like to extend their great appreciation to all the town residents and businesses for their support throughout this past year. Your donations have helped us maintain the level of service we hold ourselves to in providing aid in town as well as mutual aid to other fire departments. Noted are the donations from the FD Auxiliary (better known as the “Wish List”) and to the Kissell family in the sale of Christmas trees. Response to our fund-raising (or “just because”) shows the

appreciation the town has for the department and for the volunteer members and their families who give of their time to serve the community.

Reflective address marker signs and shirts are available. Please contact the fire department for details: 802-254-4413.

Note: as it stands now, we will not be having the Sugar on Snow dinner. While it is a disappointment to everyone, including the department, we feel the safety of our members is of greater importance. Should it change, notification will go out.

Again, thank you so much for your support.

Fire Department Statistics

October:

11 fire
12 medical calls
4 mutual aid

November:

9 fire
10 medical calls
2 mutual aid

December:

11 fire
10 medical calls
3 mutual aid



Little Pantry at corner of Weatherhead Hollow and Guilford Center Road

Little Free Pantries Arrive in Guilford!

BY JODY HAUSER

Neighborhood Roots Food Collective has recently constructed two Little Free Pantries in Guilford—one at the Up the Road Farm farmstand (near the corner of Weatherhead Hollow and Guilford Center Road) and another at the Guilford Center Natural Playscape on Carpenter Hill Road. The philosophy is “Take what you want. Share when you can.” They are open to everyone in our community to take and to share non-perishable food items, hygiene and paper products, warm socks, and fresh produce (in the summer). Neighborhood Roots Food Collective was inspired by the national Little Free Pantry movement that focuses on community and neighborhood

sustainability. Feel free to stop by and check them out!

If you are inspired to donate, please be aware that the weather does dictate what can be donated. Currently, while we are in the depths of winter, canned goods, glass, and perishable items are not ideal in freezing temperatures. Some suggestions for this time of year are bagged beans/grains/pasta/cereal, tomato sauce/peanut butter/ jelly in plastic bottles, crackers, dried fruit, granola bars/snacks, paper products such as tissues and toilet paper and personal care items such as toothbrushes, diapers, feminine products, socks and gloves.

If you are interested in setting up your own Little Free Pantry and would like

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Ashworth Road

by Rick Zamore

Heart to Hearth: 2021 Poem For the Guilford Elders

BY VERANDAH PORCHE

This epic year is nearly gone—
Though Delta mates with Omicron,
New snow shimmers on the lawn—
So reach for joy, and soldier on.

Watch children bundle up to learn—
They carry wood; a fire burns
Simmering the roots they grew—
Their hearts are hardy as the stew.

Tend what's old, and make it sound—
Raise the Grange Hall. Set it down
Stronger ever than before.
Let spirits dance across the floor—

Ken and Pat who drilled our wells,
Mimi who picked chanterelles,
Margery, back with Emery,
Promenade through memory—

Lucy and Abijah Prince,
Driven out and honored since.
For eloquence and bravery
We mark their place in history.

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Battened down against the wind,
Settle in with kith and kin—
Beside the hearth, below the stars,
Spring for sweetness where we are.

Threshold: 2022

BY VERANDAH PORCHE

We climbed from the old year,
spikes on the switchback.
Mother-of-pearl pinked up
cloaking Monadnock.

West at the summit, a white sea
rose to the closest ridge where
hemlocks crowned and rippled
edging toward oblivion.

*

It was mild enough to aim
an i-phone (pointlessly)
at the vista, not-to-be
missed or captured:

Our borrowed shrine
luminous and veiled,
our distance masked
as absence.

Pause in this soft place
breath by breath
where Love wells up
and won't burn off.

Little Pantries, cont.

assistance, please contact the Neighborhood Roots Food Collective at: connect@neighborhoodroots.org.

*Neighborhood Roots Food Collective exists to support community members and local farmers in growing the food that we eat, while helping to ensure that all of our neighbors have access to healthy food. NRFC is a newly established nonprofit located in Guilford, Vermont.



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Guilford Selectboard Appoints Planning Commission

BY ZON EASTES



Jethro Eaton



Julie Holland



Michael Szostak

At its regular meeting on Monday, January 10, the Guilford Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint five members to the town's Planning Commission. The five include Jethro Eaton, Julie Holland, Charles Light, Michael Szostak, and Jeannette Tokarz.

"Now that the new Planning Commission has been seated," said Selectboard chair Richard Wizansky, "the Selectboard looks forward to it advancing the Town Plan for approval. The Commission can then move on with the important work of helping our town become an even more beautiful, productive, and welcoming place to live. And, of course, begin work on the next Town Plan."

The Guilford Planning Commission's primary community responsibility is to oversee the processes that revise and renew the Town Plan.

Additionally, the Planning Commission is authorized to undertake studies and make recommendations on an array of community issues, including economic and social development, land development, community beautification and design improvements, among others.

Please join the Selectboard in welcoming our new planning commissioners:

Jethro Eaton, carpenter, moved with his family to Guilford in 2015. He operates a building business with his wife, Jaime Durham. Eaton has served on the Guilford Planning Commission since 2016. Eaton recently stated, "I look forward to continuing my civic duty and helping my community."

Julie Holland, a licensed Physical Therapist Assistant, became a full time Guilford resident in 2013 with her hus-

band and child. She currently works as a home care assistant for a private client and a company called Care in Vermont. "I have volunteered in Guilford at the Broad Brook Community Center helping with brunches, acting and stage managing plays, and for the Guilford Fair parking cars." Holland continued, "I look forward to serving the town. It's an honor."

Charles Light, an independent film/video producer and distributor, has lived in Guilford since 2005, having maintained close friendships with Guilford residents for over 50 years. Light said, "I have worked with groups of people in social and civic endeavors, including substantial time in communal living situations, the

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Charles Light

legal committee of the Clamshell Alliance, the founding and fundraising committees for the Shea Theatre in Turners Falls, Massachusetts, and present board member of a Queens, New York co-op.”

Michael Szostak, founder and director of Restorative Justice and Practices Program at Brattleboro Union High School, moved to Guilford 22 years ago. “With my 30 years of experience in corporate America prior to moving to Vermont, I have developed a broad range of management, technical, and human resources skills that I hope will benefit the Planning Commission and provide a broad perspective in further enhancing our unique and exceptional community.”

Jeannette Tokarz, a practicing primary care pediatrician, moved to Guilford in 2016. “Over time I’ve come to



Jeannette Tokarz

realize how fortunate I am to be a part of this community,” Tokarz commented recently. “Through my participation in The Grange, The Library Board of Trustees, and the Town Democratic Committee I’ve met many of the dedicated and passionately engaged residents who populate our town. I have always worked with diverse families who bring their own viewpoints to a visit.”

The draft Town Plan, which presents a unified vision on an array of community issues, was built by the previous Planning Commission with assistance from the Conservation Commission. One of the new Planning Commission’s immediate tasks will be to shepherd this draft plan to its adoption by the Selectboard. Following adoption and completion of the 2022 Town Plan, the Commission will consider a range of tasks, all heading toward the development of a next Town Plan, due for adoption in 2030.

The Planning Commission meets at 6:30 pm on the third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are conducted virtually and in-person at the Guilford Town Offices.



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How Much Do You Know About the Constitution?

BY CONNIE BURTON

A small group of Guilfordites has been getting together once a week to pursue an 11-week course of study on the United States Constitution. It’s been a lively and energizing study.

As we near the end of the course, we have decided that we’d like to share the excitement of this fantastic document and therefore plan to run the course again, beginning late February or early March. If you are interested in such a study, please contact Connie Burton at 802-257-1550 or email connie@burtoncarwash.com.

Do you know how many Articles comprise the entire Constitution? Do you know what Article 1, Section 1 provides for? Join the study course and learn the answers to these questions and much more.



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Recipes

Roasted Chicken with Maple Syrup

BY JOSLYN MCINTYRE

As we round the bend to sugaring season once again, I break out one of my favorite maple syrup recipes. Actually, of course, I make this year-round, because once you've roasted your chicken with maple syrup and butter, you really can't go back. And if you roast the chicken on top of some seasonal vegetables—which, this time of year, would include onions, potatoes, yams, celeriac, and other treasures from the Winter Market in town—you have a whole meal in one pan. In the spirit of the sweet and savory, here's my go-to roast chicken recipe.

INGREDIENTS

A 3-4 pound whole chicken (I love Rebop Farms for these)
3 tablespoons of butter
2 tablespoons of maple syrup
Seasonal veggies
A few sprigs of rosemary, minced
Salt and pepper

HOW YOU DO IT

1. Preheat the oven to 400°
2. Pat the chicken dry and generously salt and pepper both sides
3. Chop the root vegetables and onions into bite-sized pieces, and peel the garlic
4. Melt the butter and maple syrup together
5. Assemble the root vegetables on the bottom of a roasting pan
6. Lay the chicken on top
7. Pour the warm butter and maple syrup over the chicken
8. Sprinkle with minced rosemary
9. Cook at 400° for a half hour, uncovered
10. Turn the oven down to 375° and cook until done: typically 20 minutes per pound (total), and when the meat reaches 165°
11. Let sit for 10 minutes, then carve.



Eggless Butterless Milkless Cake

BY WANDA ATOMANUK

1 cup brown sugar
1 cup water
1/3 cup shortening
1 cup raisins
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. nutmeg
2 ¼ cups flour

1 tsp. baking soda
1 ¼ tsp. baking powder

Boil sugar, water, shortening, raisins and spices. Cool. Gradually add dry ingredients.
Pour into loaf pan.
Bake 1 hour at 350°



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Please Support Making Universal Meals Available at all Vermont Public Schools

BY SARAH ROSOW

Since the start of the pandemic, all Vermont children have had access to free school meals due to federal funding. As a GCS parent and staff member, I've seen the benefits of this up close and personal. Ali West, our regional food service director, has seen participation in the school meals program double on average while meals have been free. This benefit is due to expire soon, but Hunger Free Vermont is working hard to make this benefit permanent. Below is information about how you can help and why this benefit is so crucial for our children.

From **Hunger Free Vermont**: "Schools are reporting that the stigma around the school meal program has been wiped out, more students are eating at school, and students are more

attentive and ready to learn because they are not hungry and worrying about when they will eat next. Teachers are also reporting that students are sharing with them that they are worried about what happens when these meals are not available for free anymore.

Multiple studies confirm that a universal school meals model is one specific, feasible intervention that greatly improves multiple student, school, and community outcomes.

As we look ahead to the next school year and the long road to economic recovery from the pandemic, we have an opportunity to build a stronger, more equitable school meal program. Let's make universal school meals permanent, so that no student has to learn what hunger feels like while at school.

- Universal school meals improve student

performance in math and English language arts by up to 10 weeks of learning.

- Up to 42% of Vermont children in food insecure households are not eligible for free school meals or 3SquaresVT.

- 64% of Vermont schools currently providing universal school meals have increased their local food purchasing as a result.

This school year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all schools in Vermont are temporarily providing free school meals to all students. As we move forward, we can't return to the old system, we must make universal school meals permanent."

To show your support, go to: <https://www.universalschoolmealsvt.org/sup-porter-cards>

March Maple "Event" at Guilford Community Church

BY FRED BREUNIG

None of us imagined that we would be facing another winter of uncertainty surrounding public events! At this writing—hoping to meet the Gazette's deadline—the church is unsure about what we will do in March surrounding sugaring season. Early last fall, we had thought that some version of an in-person supper would be reasonable to expect. Now we are not so sure!

However, please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 19, 2022 with "Guilford Community Church" because we WILL have SOMETHING!! It may be a reprise of 2021's online "Celebration of Maple" which included a real-time raffle of four gallons of syrup. Or it may be something involving more in-person contact if conditions are safe enough to allow that.

In any case, look for details in

late February on the church's Facebook page, the Brattleboro Reformer, and The Commons.

We will also post flyers locally and have information in our weekly eNews (if you would like to join the church's eNews mailing list, send an email with your request to guilfordchurch@gmail.com). You may also telephone Fred Breunig at 802-254-9019 for more information.

Recipes, continued

Easy Doughnuts

BY WANDA ATOMANUK

2 eggs

1 cup sugar

1 cup sour milk (plus 2 T vinegar)

2 T Crisco oil

4 cups flour

1 tsp. nutmeg

1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. baking soda

1 tsp. baking powder

Slightly beat eggs, add sugar, milk and shortening. Combine dry ingredients and add to egg/sugar/milk mixture. Stir carefully, just until mixed.

Drop on floured board.

Use a doughnut cutter to cut into doughnut shapes. (Do not use a rolling pin).

Drop in hot Crisco shortening.



Do not let doughnuts get too brown. Remove from fat when light tan. Makes 2 dozen.

Green River Church Gets Much Needed Repairs

BY CHRIS BEEBE

In May of 1838 Samuel Cutting established the Green River Church. This summer, one hundred and eighty-three years later, the Green River Village Preservation Trust and a group of local contractors and volunteers, applied their skills and craftsmanship to make critical repairs to the historic structure.

The Church spends its days quietly overlooking the Village of Green River, acting as a stalwart guardian for summertime swimmers, foliage viewers, artisans, and mud season aficionados alike. And, each Christmas, the church is the site of the much beloved annual Green River Carol Sing. The Church and the historic timber crib dam are owned by the Green River Village Preservation Trust. The Trust was formed as a non-profit in 1998 to steward and preserve key historical assets within the Village and to provide upkeep for the Church, the dam, and the surrounding land.

Relying on its solid framing and slate roof, the Green River Church was built to stand the test of time. Nevertheless, the years do not pass without some wear, upkeep, and the occasional leak. Last fall it was discovered that the church's eastern side fascia boards (where the roof meets the outer walls) had serious rot and deterioration issues due to encroaching trees, several loose roof tiles and some squirrels looking for a home.

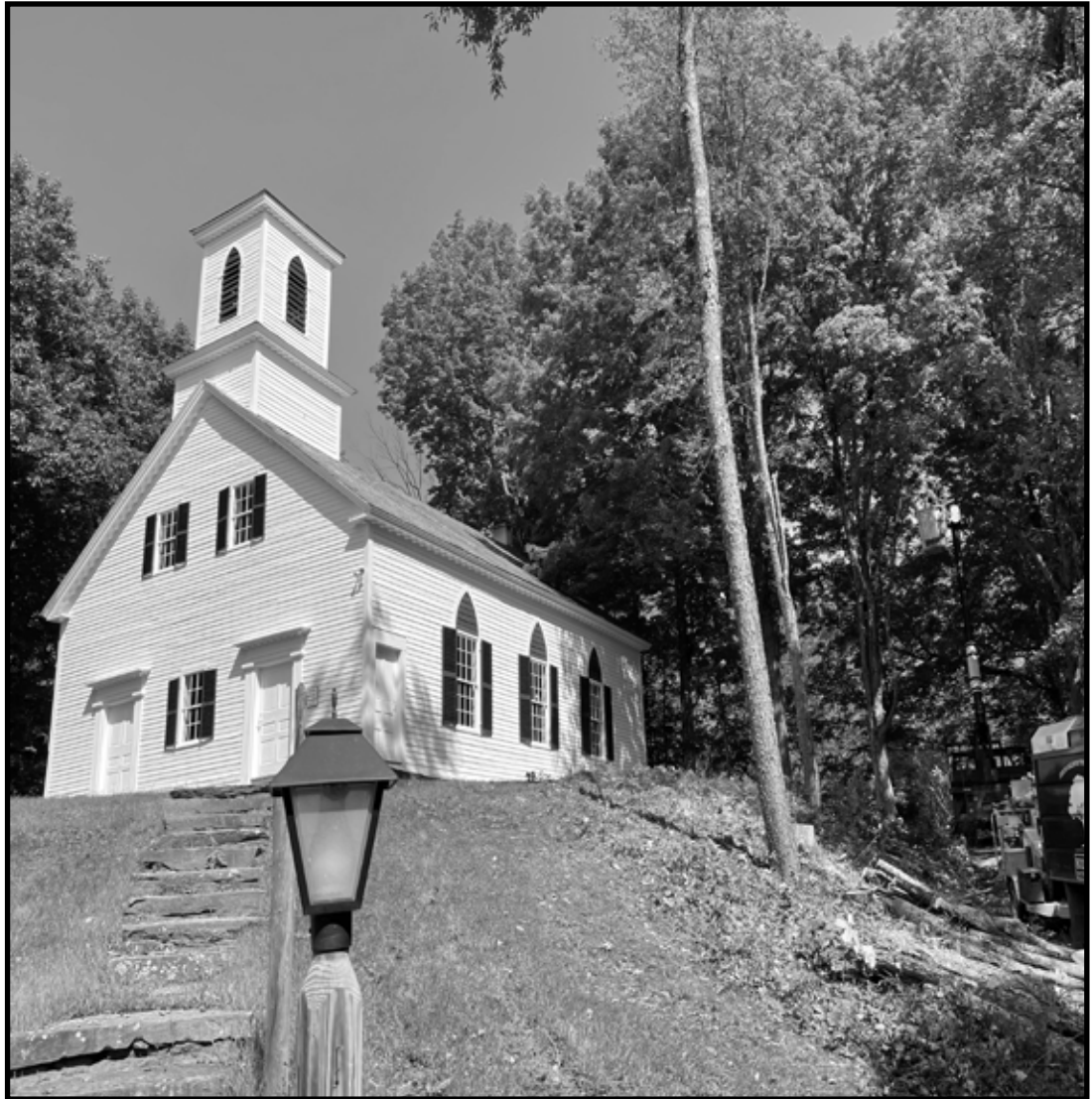
As a result, the Church needed immediate repair, painting, and tree removal.

Looking for emergency financial assistance, the Trust contacted the 1772 Foundation and the Preservation Trust of Vermont, two organizations that provide funding to preserve American historical treasures. After submitting an extensive application in a competitive solicitation process, the Green River Church was selected to receive a matching grant of \$7,000 to help offset the total cost of \$14,000 for the repairs and tree removal. The Green River Village Preservation Trust provided the remaining

50 percent of the costs. The work was successfully completed by a team of excellent contractors that included Mindel & Morse Builders, Eddie Charbonneau Painting, and Anson Baldwin Tree Care.

With its new fascia boards, a fresh coat of paint, and a little more sunshine to boot, the Green River Church is now, once again solid and prepared for winter. Maintaining a nearly two-century old church is an ongoing effort, and while these repairs solved

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Green River Church

Successful Grange "Ansul" Fundraiser

BY DON MCLEAN

Broad Brook Grange is pleased to announce that the Grange's "Ansul" fundraiser for the Broad Brook Community Center has not only reached, but exceeded, our \$10,000 goal. In fact, we raised \$11,000 (!) for the campaign, which will help with the cost of the kitchen vent system being installed during the renovation. Once again, this system will allow us to resume our Sugar Supper and Brunches next spring, with all our sticky boiled maple syrup, and our signature omelets, bacon(!), sausage and all the other menu items which require ventilation during cooking. (We plan, meanwhile, to have our November 19, 2022 Community Thanksgiving Dinner prepared in the kitchen.)

We received nearly 40 donations from both Grange members and the public, including several who donated more than once! Thanks to all the donors:

Wanda & James Atomanuk, Richard Austin, Connie Burton, Sara Coffey, Sandra Cortes & Scott Mathes, Robin & Andy Davis, Nancy Detra, Jean Eastman, Dwight Fitch, Jackie and Bob Gaines, Bobbie Haumann, Anna Hecker, Linda Hecker, Deborah Jacobs & John Lee, Anna Klein & John Shaw, Michael Lacey and Braelyn Ingvaldstad, Kathleen Lapan, Andrea & Woody Leung, Nancy Lynde, Carrie Marks, Evelyn & Don McLean, Jennifer McDuffie & Hal Kuhns, Carole Mills, Skye and Geneva Morse, Maryann Parrott, Edith Platt, Verandah Porche, Heidi Potter, Janet Putnam, Marli Rabinowitz, Laurie & Sam Schneski, Dolly Stone, Carolyn Taylor-Olson, Jeannette Tokarz, Thayer Tomlinson & Amit Sharma, and Alice Twombly.

Green River Church, continued

the most pressing issues, the Church requires an ever-vigilant eye and substantial financial resources to keep it in good repair. In addition to expanded fund-raising efforts, the Trust hopes to maintain the Church and its other efforts to breathe vibrancy and resiliency into all facets of the Village, by expanding relationships with local organizations and groups.

The Green River Village Preservation Trust is a recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit, dedicated to the preservation of the historical, physical, and community resources of Green River Village. Comprised of a board of 11 volunteers, seasonal chores and ongoing DIY projects are typically performed by the board and others who are willing to assist. Please visit <http://greenrivervillage.org/> for more information on how to donate and get involved.

Community Calendar

Thursday, Feb 24, 2022 at 7PM - PRETOWN MEETING via Zoom. Follow these links: <https://guilfordvt.com> or <https://broadbrookcommunitycenter.org/news-events>

Saturday, March 19, 2022

MAPLE EVENT Guilford Community Church Time: TBA
Information 802-254-9019 or 802-257-0994

ONGOING:

Every Tuesday

- 11 AM STORYTIME IN PERSON OR BY ZOOM

Resuming in March: Library-Cathi Wilken & Laura Lawson Tucker present a program of songs, fingerplays, books and activities for babies, toddlers and older siblings (free) Info: 802-257-4603 Email staff@guilfordfreelibraryvt.org to request the zoom link.

Every second Tuesday of the month

- 9 AM GAZETTE MEETING Via Zoom or at the Guilford Country Store. Help plan the next issue.

3rd Wednesday of the month.

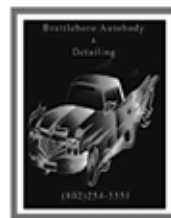
- 6:30 PM TALK ABOUT BOOKS

Library. Books are available to borrow from the library. (free).

Every Thursday

- 3-4 PM GUILFORD CARES FOOD PANTRY at Guilford Fairgrounds. Info: call Pat Haine 802-257-0626

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